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Reports of States and yearly and monthly reports of cities of the United States.

CONNECTICUT—*Bridgeport*.—Month of August, 1899. Estimated population, 65,000. Total number of deaths, 100, including enteric fever, 1; scarlet fever, 1, and 15 from phthisis pulmonalis.

Hartford.—Month of September, 1899. Estimated population, 76,000. Total number of deaths, 102, including diphtheria, 6; enteric fever, 4; whooping cough, 2, and 8 from phthisis pulmonalis.

Westport.—Month of September, 1899. Estimated population, 4,000. Total number of deaths, 4. No deaths from contagious diseases.

GEORGIA—*Columbus*.—Month of September, 1899. Estimated population, 19,303—white, 10,276; colored, 9,027. Total number of deaths, 25—white, 6; colored, 19, including enteric fever, 2, and 2 from phthisis pulmonalis.

ILLINOIS—*Springfield*.—Month of September, 1899. Estimated population, 35,000. Total number of deaths, 46, including diphtheria, 3; enteric fever, 1, and 3 from phthisis pulmonalis.

INDIANA—*Evansville*.—Month of September, 1899. Estimated population, 70,000. Total number of deaths, 76, including enteric fever, 7, and 7 from phthisis pulmonalis.

LOUISIANA—*New Orleans*.—Month of September, 1899. Estimated population, 300,000—white, 210,000; colored, 90,000. Total number of deaths, 510—white, 313; colored, 197, including enteric fever, 18; whooping cough, 1; leprosy, 1; yellow fever, 6, and 81 from phthisis pulmonalis.

MAINE—*Portland*.—Month of September, 1899. Estimated population, 50,000. Total number of deaths, 74, including diphtheria, 2; whooping cough, 2, and 8 from phthisis pulmonalis.

MASSACHUSETTS—*Holyoke*.—Month of September, 1899. Estimated population, 44,982. Total number of deaths, 73, including diphtheria, 2; enteric fever, 3; whooping cough, 1, and 5 from phthisis pulmonalis.

Newton.—Month of September, 1899. Census population, 27,590. Total number of deaths, 27, including enteric fever, 1, and 2 from phthisis pulmonalis.

MICHIGAN.—Reports to the State board of health, Lansing, for the week ended September 30, 1899, from 68 observers indicate that scarlet fever, pneumonia, inflammation of kidney, influenza, intermittent fever, and phthisis pulmonalis increased, and cholera morbus decreased in area of prevalence. Phthisis pulmonalis was reported present at 205, scarlet fever at 57, diphtheria at 19, whooping cough at 19, measles at 9, cerebro-spinal meningitis at 3 places, and smallpox at 1 place—Maple Grove, Saginaw County.

MINNESOTA.—The State board of health reports as follows:

Investigation tends to show that there is probably very little, if any, chicken pox in this State at present. For this reason the State board of health, under authority given it by the law to regulate infectious

diseases, requests that, for the present at least, all cases diagnosticated as chicken pox be rigidly quarantined at their homes, or other suitable place, and reported at once to the local health officer, he without delay to report to the secretary of the State board of health (secs. 18-20, chap. 132, gen. laws 1883).

Quarantine is for the benefit of the public, and while it may temporarily discommode a few individuals, it is an absolute necessity in order to prevent the spread of disease.

NORTH CAROLINA—*Charlotte*.—Month of August, 1899.—Estimated population, 30,000. Total number of deaths, 51, including enteric fever, 8, and 2 from phthisis pulmonalis.

Month of September, 1899.—Total number of deaths, 47, including enteric fever, 1, and 3 from phthisis pulmonalis.

TENNESSEE—*Chattanooga*.—Month of September, 1899. Estimated population, 40,000—white, 27,000; colored, 13,000. Total number of deaths, 28—white, 17; colored, 11, including diphtheria, 1; enteric fever, 2, and 5 from tuberculosis.

TEXAS—*Quintana*.—Month of September, 1899. Estimated population, 250. Total number of deaths, 4, including 1 from scarlet fever.

WEST VIRGINIA—*Wheeling*.—Three months ended September 30, 1899, Census population, 35,013. Total number of deaths, 85, including diphtheria, 2; enteric fever, 2; whooping cough, 2, and 8 from phthisis pulmonalis.